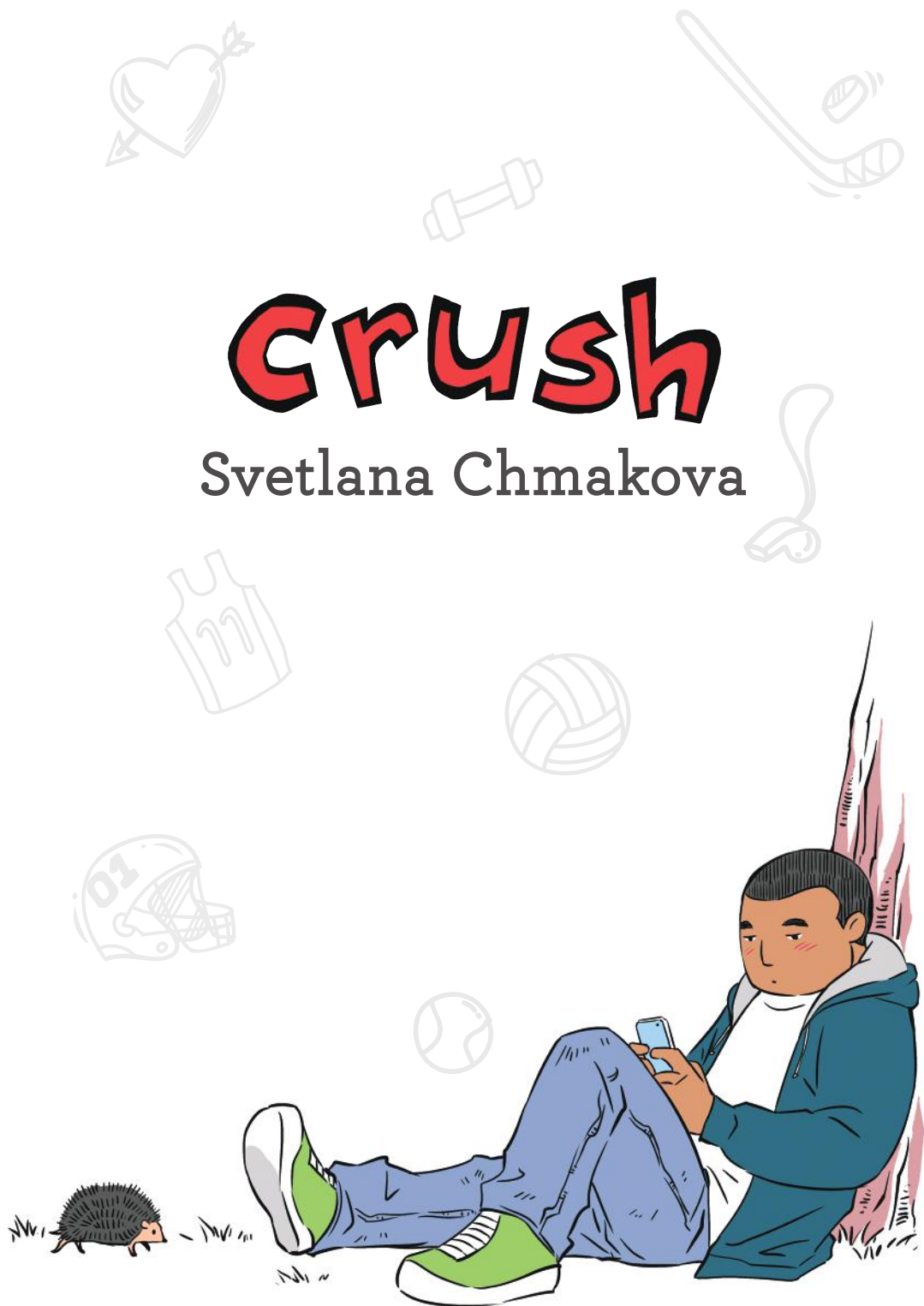


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HERE.



ON THE
BUS TO BERRYBROOK
MIDDLE SCHOOL, LIKE EVERY
MORNING.

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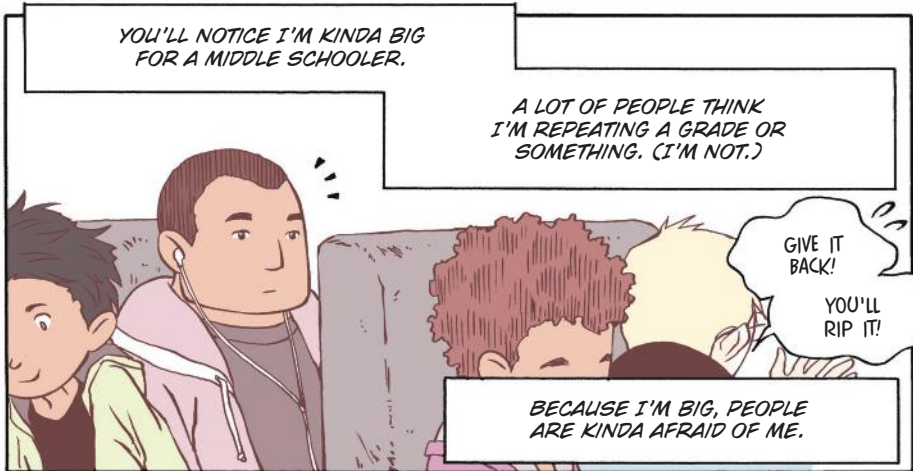
(EXCEPT WEEKENDS.
THEY HAVEN'T TAKEN
THAT FROM US YET, HEH.)

CHATTER

HA
HA
HA

HA
HA

HEY!



I'D NEVER HIT ANYONE
(NOT UNLESS IT'S
SELF-DEFENSE)...

...BUT THEY DON'T
KNOW THAT.

SO I'M KNOWN AS THE
"BIG, SCARY DUDE" YOU
DON'T MESS WITH.

KINDA MAKES IT
HARD TO MAKE FRIENDS,
I GUESS...?

THE REAL KIND,
PEOPLE YOU CAN JUST
BE YOURSELF WITH.

...BUT THAT'S A PROBLEM
FOR SOME OTHER BIG GUY.

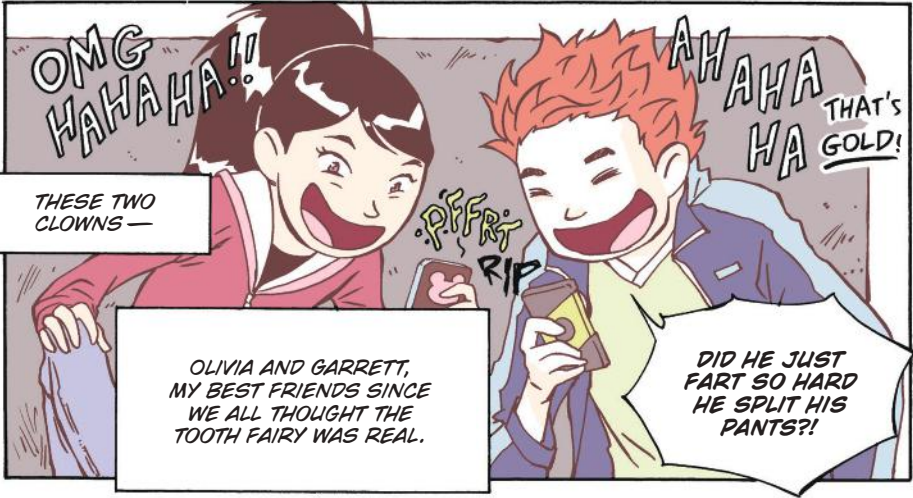
HEY,
DUMB AND
DUMBER.

TACKLE

GAH!

CHECK
OUT THE VID
I JUST SENT.

BECAUSE I GOT MY
PEOPLE RIGHT HERE.



THESE TWO CLOWNS —

OLIVIA AND GARRETT, MY BEST FRIENDS SINCE WE ALL THOUGHT THE TOOTH FAIRY WAS REAL.

DID HE JUST FART SO HARD HE SPLIT HIS PANTS?!

LIV AND I HAVE BEEN AT BERRYBROOK SINCE FOREVER, BUT GARRETT ONLY JUST TRANSFERRED TO OUR SCHOOL...

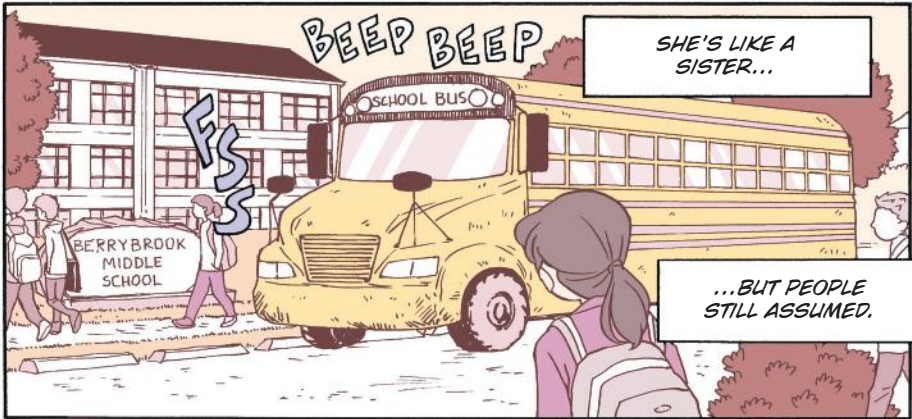


...SO LIV'S BEEN ALL OVER HIM, MAKING SURE HE "FITS RIGHT IN."



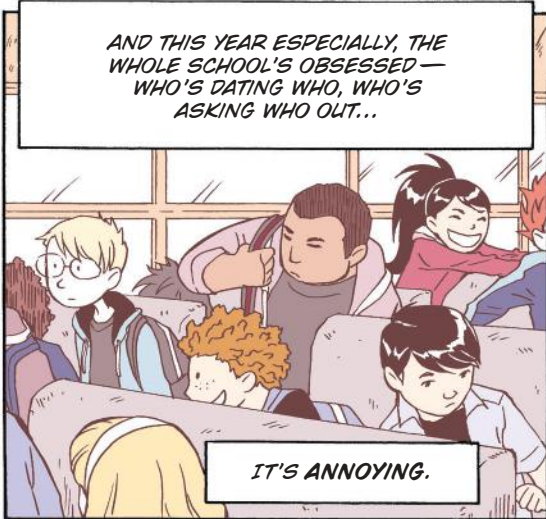
WHICH WORKS FOR ME (BECAUSE PEOPLE FINALLY STOPPED THINKING LIV AND I ARE DATING).

IT WAS SO DUMB.



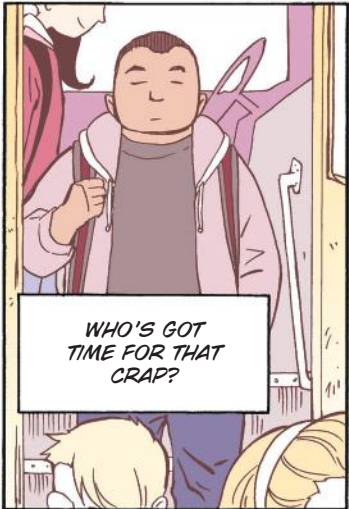
SHE'S LIKE A SISTER...

...BUT PEOPLE STILL ASSUMED.



AND THIS YEAR ESPECIALLY, THE WHOLE SCHOOL'S OBSESSED — WHO'S DATING WHO, WHO'S ASKING WHO OUT...

IT'S ANNOYING.



WHO'S GOT TIME FOR THAT CRAP?



OH! HI, JORGE!